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# STATEMENT OF INTEREST

*for City of Perry Boards, Authorities,  
Commissions, and Committees.*

## INCREASING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TO...

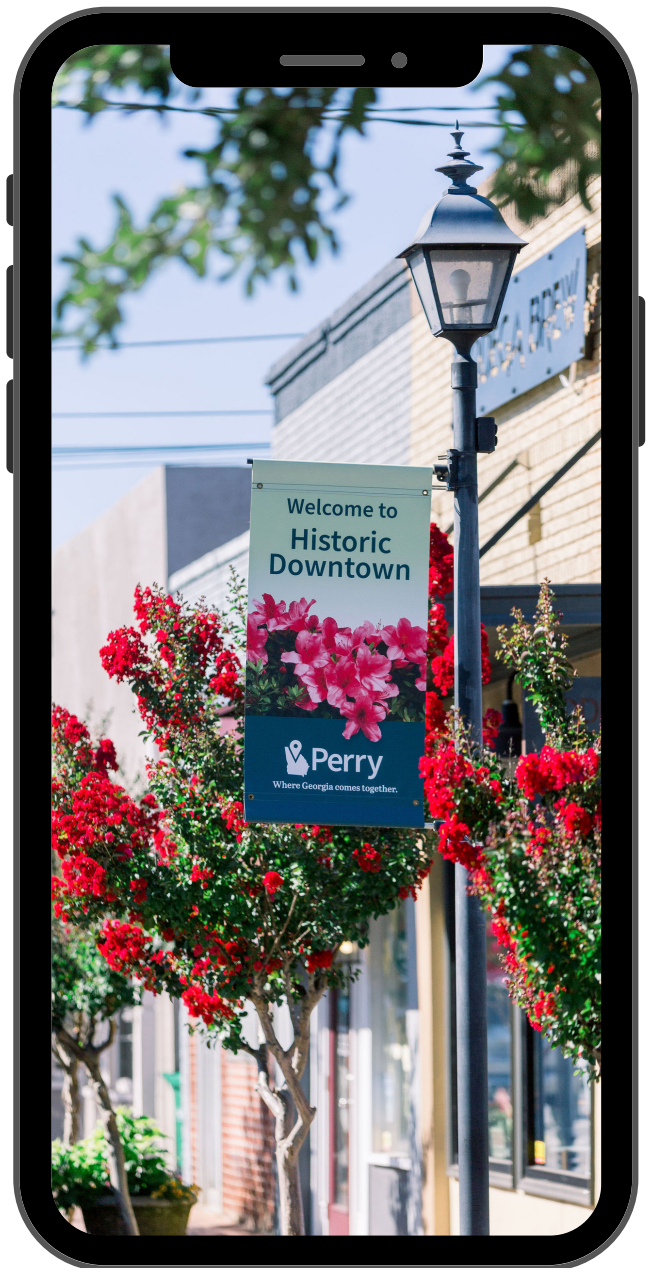
- Increase the number of Perry residents and stakeholders who would have the opportunity to serve on City Boards and Commissions.
- Create a pool of interested citizens who possess skills and experiences that would enable the Board/ Commission to fulfill their mandated mission.
- Ensure diversity of members on Boards/Commissions.
- Allow Mayor and Council to step away from a “who knows who” approach to Board/Commission members and insure equity of appointments.



# POINTS TO CONSIDER

*when pursuing becoming a board/commission member....*

- Multiple options could be considered for adjusting length of service that would increase the number of citizens that have the opportunity to participate – as well as give the Boards/Commissions fresh ideas and energy.
- Statement of Interest (SOI) forms would contain pertinent information about the individual – not for exclusionary purposes, but rather for identifying citizens who can best help that Board/Commission accomplish its goals and purposes.
- The SOI should include a listing of occupational background, community involvement and possible involvement with civic organizations, interests, etc.
- The SOI should give the candidate the opportunity to express why they wish to serve on a particular Board/Commission and the skills they feel they have to offer the City.
- A statement should be included from Mayor and Council regarding expectations and requirements. For example, active engagement, regular attendance, confidentiality, etc.
- A brief description of the differing roles and responsibilities of each Board/Commission should be included with a space to indicate which group they are interested in.
- The candidate's signature on the SOI indicates their awareness that the SOI is a public document and may be read by Mayor, Council, City staff and chairpersons for Boards/Commissions.





# A SUCCESSFUL MEMBER

*should possess the following characteristics...*

- An initial understanding of the function and purpose of the group and be committed to attend initial and continuing training.
- Demonstrate understanding of the impact their decisions may have on the City of Perry and the importance of their work.
- Demonstrate understanding of the way in which their Commission/Board is intertwined with the City's Strategic Plan.
- Have a direct interest in the type of work done by the Commission/Board.
- Have occupational background or community involvement background, or avid interest that lends itself to the work of that Commission/Board.
- A commitment to attendance as well as consistent enforcement, by the City, of the City requirement regarding attendance.
- The ability to "go beyond" and volunteer to help with a project or event the Commission Board may have.
- Be a creative, outside the box, thinker. Have thoughts and ideas to contribute – not just a listener.
- Demonstrate the ability to listen to all members and work together harmoniously.
- Be an advocate for Perry in all environments.



# APPLICANT INFORMATION

*complete the following information for consideration...*

Thank you for your interest in serving our community! Please select which of the active boards, authorities, commissions or committees you are interested in serving with and return this form to the City of Perry.

Each entity will review the Statements of Interest as current members roll off or resign, creating an opening. For further information, you may contact the Staff Liaison designated for each entity as provided.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title/Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization Memberships:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Interest, hobbies, talents, & skills:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**I'm interested in serving because:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





# COMMITMENT FORM

*complete the following information for consideration...*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to serve as a member of a City of Perry Authority, Board, Committee, and/or Commission and understand that as a member of any entity, I have an ethical responsibility to ensure that the committee does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. I believe in the purpose and the mission of the City of Perry, and will act responsibly as its steward. As part of my responsibilities, I will:

Attend and actively participate in my entity's meetings and events. Any absence should be reported to the Chairperson or Staff Liaison prior to the meeting. Missing more than three meetings will result in removal from the organization.

Be an advocate for your organization in the community.

Be knowledgeable about the work of your group, asking questions and sharing ideas, understanding that your participation has an important impact on the City.

Attend all training required by your organization and participate in additional opportunities.

Understand that you are part of a team, working harmoniously to accomplish the mission.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# DESCRIPTIONS

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and committees...*

## **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

This active volunteer board works to enhance the economic vitality of Downtown Perry. The DDA also serves as the umbrella organization for the Perry Main Street program. Board members should have a true interest in the downtown development.

***Meets fourth Monday of each month***

*Staff Liaison: Robert Smith, Assistant City Manager*

*Email: Robert.Smith@perry-ga.gov*

## **MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD**

The mission of this board is to promote a thriving downtown business district while preserving Perry's historic resources and character.

Perry Main Street continues to support the development of Downtown Perry as a strong economic engine for the Perry area, while preserving the historical integrity and small-town character of the city.

***Meets first Thursday of each month***

*Staff Liaison: Robert Smith, Assistant City Manager*

*Email: Robert.Smith@perry-ga.gov*

## **MAIN STREET PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE**

This committee works as a subcommittee of the Main Street Advisory Board to PROMOTE downtown as the center of commerce, culture and community life for residents and visitors alike.

Goals are focused on understanding the changing market, identifying downtown assets, defining market, niche, and creating new image campaigns, retail promotions and special events to lure people downtown.

***Meets third Wednesday of each month***

*Staff Liaison: Robert Smith, Assistant City Manager*

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## PLANNING COMMISSION

This commission makes recommendations to City Council on the following applications: Annexation, Rezoning, Text Amendment and Special Exception. The Commission makes final decisions on preliminary plats, variances, and appeals.

***Meets second Monday of each month***

*Staff Liaison: Bryan Wood, Community Development Director  
Email: Bryan.Wood@perry-ga.gov.*

## RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

**ANNIE WARREN, CITY OF PERRY CITY CLERK**

ADDRESS: 1121 WASHINGTON STREET, PERRY GA 31069

EMAIL: ANNIE.WARREN@PERRY-GA.GOV

## QUESTIONS?

Call or email the staff liaison assigned to the board you are interested in.

